

Lenten Devotional

Fast



Give



Prepare



Pray



from the dust of the earth we can and to the dust we shall return

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“Empowered By Christ to Transform the Community”

Lenten Prayer Guide

Lent is the holiest of seasons on the Christian calendar and our spiritual prelude to Resurrection Day. It represents the forty day period of penitence between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday. It also represents the forty days Jesus fasted in the mountain (see Luke 4). Lent affords us the opportunity to recommit our lives to Christ.

About Fasting: Fasting symbolizes our commitment and sacrifice before God; it fosters a natural cleansing of the body and spirit and aids in concerted prayer and supplication and an “emptying” of ourselves. Of course, we should take responsibility for medical and health concerns; not all of us can eliminate food, but all of us can eliminate some type of food that we favor. Other chose not to fast from types of foods, rather the conscience decision to abstain from activities (television, meaningless conversations, tardiness, selfishness, etc.) Others have chosen to take on a mission or ministry or project during the forty day period, such as (volunteering at a soup kitchen, intentionally calling or visiting the sick and shut in members of the community, calling someone for prayer, mentoring a students, visiting a nursing home, etc.) The possibilities are many! Pause and consider what is God calling me to do today? How can I draw closer to God through my living and decisions?

This guide intended to assist each member of First Missionary Baptist Church who wishes to participate in Lent or join the collective body of believers in focused prayers and scripture readings. Select a time each day that you can commit to reading the brief scripture and prayer, and mediate on the questions being asked. This devotional will be completely private and the opportunity to share will be present on a volunteer basis. Please read through the Vision, Mission and Values statements of First Missionary Baptist Church. Ask God on a daily basis how can I be a part of the church achieving its Vision, Mission and Values, most importantly how can use this Lenten Season to draw closer to Christ in sharing in the cost and joy of discipleship.

Vision Statement

Empowered by Christ to Transform the Community

Mission Statement

To be Christ’s disciples in spreading the Gospel of Jesus, loving our neighbors, and advocating justice; as we share Christ with one another.

Values Worship:

To Worship God as He has revealed Himself in the Bible in Spirit and in truth;

Discipleship:

To Prepare Christians for Kingdom service at home and abroad by developing within them a Christian worldview and practical Christian disciples as a way of life.

Evangelism:

To Proclaim the “good news” of life in Christ to all the world;

Transformation:

To apply the Bible as God’s transforming Word in order that sanctifies believers;

Biblical Education:

To Teach the Bible as God’s transforming Word and its precepts and principles as the answer to every problem mankind faces;

Stewardship:

To be faithful stewards of all that God entrusts to His people;

Advocacy:

To give voice and strengthen to those who are marginalized through appropriate ministries and activities;

Mission & Compassion:

To Demonstrate God’s love through benevolent ministries.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Daily Scripture

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. - Joel 2:12 -13

Daily Prayer

O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and fix our hearts more firmly on you, that, having nothing, we may yet possess everything, a treasure stored up for us in heaven. Amen.

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Thursday, February 19, 2015

Daily Scripture

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Isaiah 58:11-12

Daily Prayer

Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving, we bring the pain we have caused other, we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part. Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again toward the sunrise of your reign, that we may walk with you in the promise of peace you have willed for all the children of the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Friday, February 20, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. – II Chronicles 7:14

Daily Prayer

God we pray that you give us the humility to be your disciples in loving our neighbors as you have commanded us to love. May the Holy Spirit continue to empower us to be humble disciples, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Saturday, February 21, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. – Galatians 5:1

Daily Prayer

Liberating God, who has freed us from the power of sin and death, reveal to us the ways we still chose bondage and not the liberating power you have established. May we always walk in the path of love, justice and freedom, in Jesus name we pray Amen.

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Sunday, February 22, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) – II Corinthians 6:1-2

Daily Prayer

God who has granted us the free gift of salvation through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ our Savior, we confess that too many times we have taken for granted your gift of salvation. May we forever be grateful of your redemptive works that saved us when we were lost in sin. Engage us in your plan of salvation that we become better evangelist sharing your plan of salvation with all of creation, in Jesus name we prayer, Amen.

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Monday, February 23, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. – Psalms 25:4-5

Daily Prayer

Creator and judge of all humanity forgive us for fleshly and selfishly living that dishonored you with our choices. Teach us the power and fulfillment of living for you and not ourselves. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit. 1 Peter 3:18

Daily Prayer

Reconciling God, we thank you for the redemptive works of Jesus Christ who saved us from eternal damnation. We confess that we have not been grateful recipients of your grace, but today we begin anew, thanking you for dying so we could live. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Mark 1:12-13

Daily Prayer

Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world. Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart. Amen.

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Thursday, February 26, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. I Corinthians 13:13

Daily Prayer

God who loved us in creation, we confess that we have chosen many things other than love. Empower us to be the loving people who created us to be and may our hope and our faith be rooted in the love that you have shared with us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Friday, February 27, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Romans 4:23-25

Daily Prayer

Jesus, the Lamb of God, who was slain as the atonement for our sins, thank you for overcoming the power of sin and death that we may be reconciled with God. Although we are guilty of many sins we thank you that you have justified us through Jesus Christ our Savior and redeemer, Amen.

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Saturday, February 28, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. - Galatians 5:24-25

Daily Prayer

Jesus our Savior and Redeemer you know well the pain and suffering of self-denial to live according to the will of God, empower and strengthen us that we might live as the Godly people you created. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Sunday, March 1, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. - Mark 8:34-35

Daily Prayer

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment. Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful words and deeds. Amen.

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Monday, March 2, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. Genesis 17:5-7

Daily Prayer

God of Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. Strengthen us in faith, that, with your disciples of every age, we may proclaim your deliverance in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn. Amen.

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Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations. - Psalm 22:25-28

Daily Prayer

Sovereign God, who created all things, we acknowledge you as the source of all life and strength. Forgive us when we have rebelled against your sovereign authority, humble us and open us that we may see the power and wisdom of following you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Daily Prayer

God of seed time and harvest as your word has been planted in our heart, we pray that we bare fruits of your spirit that all may see you in all we do. In Christ name we pray, Amen.

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Thursday, March 5, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. - Isaiah 58:11-12

Daily Prayer

Righteous God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving, we bring the pain we have caused others, we bring the injustice in society of which we are a part. Grant us the courage to accept the healing you offer and to turn again toward the sunrise of your reign, that we may walk with you in the promise of peace you have willed for all children of the earth, and have made known to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Friday, March 6, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. - Matthew 6:19-21

Daily Prayer

Eternal loving God, who gives according to your great mercy and love, thank you for giving and sharing with us, your creation. Forgive us when we chose people, activities and possessions over you. Open us to experience your love that we might give to you as you have given to us, In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Saturday, March 7, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. -Matthew 6:5-6

Daily Prayer

God of honesty and truth, forgive us for trying to give the outward appearance of living a holy life. Teach us how to serve you and live a life of integrity, love and justice. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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Sunday, March 8, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

Daily Prayer

Faithful God of love, you blessed us with your servant Son so that we might know how to serve your people with justice and with mercy. We gather the needs of ourselves and others, and offer them to you in faith and love, seeking to be strengthened to meet them. Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence, never faltering until we have done all that you desire to bring your realm of shalom to fulfillment. Amen.

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Monday, March 9, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Daily Prayer

God we confess that our thoughts, words and deeds are sometime displeasing in your sight, forgive us for living below the calling you have created and ordained for us. Strengthen and renew us that your thoughts become our thoughts and your ways become our ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. – Exodus 20: 1-3

Daily Prayer

God of Justice and Peace, we thank you for loving and creating us in your image and in your likeness. Forgive us for the times we have chosen bondage over the freedom, idols over your true presence. May we always give our hearts, souls and might to you our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.

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Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. - Joshua 1:6-8

Daily Prayer

God of Strength and Courage Your law leads us into better relationship with you and all of humanity. Your law is perfect in every way, forgive us for the times we have chosen our ways and not your divine way. Empower and encourage us to live our lives according to your law that we might possess the love, faith, hope and peace you have for us through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Thursday, March 12, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. Psalm 51:14-15

Daily Prayer

Lord because you have delivered me from guilt and shame, I will joyfully declare your goodness with my lips, my heart and daily living. Use me as a vessel to declare that you are the way the truth and the life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.

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Friday, March 13, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Daily Prayer

God we remember today that your gift to all of humanity is the salvation. I am thankful that you sent Jesus to die for the remissions of my sins, I fully accept that this gift of grace was unearned and it is impossible for me to compensate you. Today I give you my life again, use me as an instrument in your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

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Saturday, March 14, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. – Philippians 4:8

Daily Prayer

God your ways and your thoughts are far beyond our abilities, yet we confess we have compromised the standard of living you have called to, pardon and forgive us for the times we have lived as goats rather than the sheep you shepherd. Create within us a holy conversation that is pleasing in your sight and that uplifts your love, justice, peace and joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

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Sunday, March 15, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. -Matthew 25:44-45

Daily Prayer

God who is King of Kings and Lord of Lord, we repent for the times we have looked shamefully upon our brothers and sisters and did not recognize they were created in your image and likeness. We confess that our minds have looked too long on the outward appearance and not deep enough on the inward heart. Give us vision and purpose to see YOU in each Sister and Brother, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Monday, March 16, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. - Numbers 21:4-5

Daily Prayer

God our Shepherd who provides for us with such grace and plenty, forgive us for the times we have complained about the plenty you given. Today we renew our thoughts that our words represent our thankfulness and appreciation for the provisions that you have made for us. In Jesus name we pray Amen.

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

Daily Prayer

Creator and redeemer of all life we thank you that your love has no boundaries, all humanity is welcomed to know you in the pardon of their sins. Yet we confess there are times we chose who will we share your gift of salvation and forgiveness, give us boldness to see that we are Sisters and Brothers created in your image and in your likeness and redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us. Ephesians 2:-7

Daily Prayer

Forgiving and merciful God, we thank you for securing our eternal salvation while we were still sinners. Forgive us for times we can lived unappreciative of your gift of salvation, may we renew our love for you that our thoughts, words and deeds bring honor and glory to you, thought Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Thursday, March 19, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. Psalm 107:19-22

Daily Prayer

God we are most grateful that you have heard our many cries and have saved us from destruction. Forgive us for the times we have engaged in self-destructive behaviors or taken pleasure in the destruction of your creation. May we use our energy to construct opportunities for our brothers and sisters to experience you in the fullness of the grace, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

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Daily Prayer

Lord we thank you for Jesus Christ who was blameless and sinless, yet he took on sin that we might become the righteousness of God. Thank you for the atoning power of Jesus Christ who has redeemed us from the power of sin and death. Empower us that we might share the good news of Jesus with all. Amen

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Daily Scripture Reflection

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? - Micah 6:8

Daily Prayer

God of humility, justice and love, we thank you for sharing these gifts with all of your creation. Forgive us for the times we have lived inhumane, unjust and hateful lives. Empower us to be more like you in this world through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

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Sunday, March 22, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. - Psalm 119:10-11

Daily Prayer

As the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, we invite Your Words to fully saturate our hearts, souls, minds, and bodies, that through the presence of Your Word, we might live according to your law of love. In Jesus name, we pray Amen.

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Monday, March 23, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:33-34

Daily Prayer

Covenant God, we thank you for loving us even when we have fallen below the standard you have establish, yet you have remained steadfast in your love and forgiveness of our many sins. We confess that we have waived and we have gone astray yet you remained faithful. Write on our hearts again your words of love, joy and peace that we may live according to the plan you have for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Psalm 51:10-12

Daily Prayer

God who creates, renews and restores, we invite you into our lives today. Please Renew and Restore the parts of our lives that are damaged by sin, which separates us from you. Forgive us for allowing ungodliness to have space in our lives, we surrender to the movement of the Holy Spirit to purge and cleanse us from all sin and unrighteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Hebrews 5:7-9 King James Version (KJV)

Daily Prayer

God we thank you for Your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, who was sinless and for our salvation Jesus came to us and taught us how to live a more excellent life. We confess that too often we chose sin and not salvation, greed and not grace. Transform us through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might become the people You have called and created us to be, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

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Thursday, March 26, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. – John 12:24

Daily Prayer

God of seed time and harvest, thank you for the life we have in Jesus Christ who laid down his life that we all may have eternal life. As we journey in the Lenten season we pray that our flesh is dying so that our spirit may flourish in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Friday, March 27, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. - Acts 1:8

Daily Prayer

Savior and Redeemer, we thank you for the comforting presence of Your Holy Spirit, that has empowered us to be Your disciples throughout the entire world. Move us to share your message of hope, love, joy, peace and justice with all humanity that all will know you are the way, the truth and the life. In Jesus name we pray Amen.

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Saturday, March 28, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lametations 3:21-23

Daily Prayer

God of covenant and mercies thank you that your faithfulness does not fade and is not conditional, forgive us for the times we have served you on emotional or conditional basis. Empower us to become the disciples you have created and called to be steadfast and unmovable in our relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, Amen.

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Sunday, March 29, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. - Psalms 118:26-29

Daily Prayer

Caught between joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world. Life-giver, Pain-bearer, day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt; give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. Amen.

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Holy Monday, March 30, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. - Hebrews 9: 14-15

Daily Prayer

God of steadfast love, light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed, we see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus, who calls us into new and living friends hip with you. May we, who take shelter in the shadow of your wings, be filled with the grace of his tender caring; may we, who stumble in selfish darkness, see your glory in the light of his self-giving. We ask this through him whose suffering is victorious, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Holy Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God. And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength. -Isaiah 49:4-5

Daily Prayer

God our strength, we lift to you the deepest prayers of our hearts that you will save us from the time of trial and comfort us in tribulation. Reveal your glory to the nations, that your cross may stand as a sign of the power that conquers human pride and confounds the wisdom of this world. Amen.

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Holy Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying. Psalm 70:4-5

Daily Prayer

Christ our God, your love is poured out in death for our sakes. Hold us in your embrace as we wait for Easter's dawn. Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth, not even death itself, can separate us from your love; and strengthen us to wait until you are revealed to us in all your risen glory. Amen.

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Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. - John 13:14-17

Daily Prayer

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.

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Good Friday, April 3, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:14-16

Daily Prayer

In this holy time, as we remember the sacrifice of the cross, we offer the prayers of our hearts, that through them we may be transformed to be servants of justice, love and peace. Make us steadfast witnesses of our Savior's reign, that we may live in the pattern of Christ, who was faithful in all things, even death, and whose darkest hour gives light and hope. Amen.

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Saturday, April 4, 2015

Daily Scripture Reflection

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. - 1 Peter 4:1-2

Daily Prayer

O God, whose face shines upon us, we offer the prayers we carry deep in our hearts that those who need deliverance may know your steadfast love and salvation. Merciful God, release us from the time of trial and oppression, that we may witness to the eternal hope of grief becoming joy and life rising from death. Amen.

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Happy Resurrection Sunday





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